

**COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA****DECLARATION AND DETERMINATION UNDER THE  
AUSTRALIAN SERVICE MEDAL REGULATIONS**

I, **PHILIP MICHAEL JEFFERY**, Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, pursuant to the Australian Service Medal Regulations contained in the Schedule to Letters Patent dated 13 September 1988, ("the Regulations") on the recommendation of the Minister for Defence, **hereby**:

- (a) **revoke** the Declaration and Determination made on 24 May 2001 under regulation 3 and subregulation 4(2) respectively of the Regulations;
- (b) **declare**, under regulation 3 of the Regulations, the non-warlike activity, Operation TREK, in which members of the Australian Defence Force are engaged, in the area comprising the Solomon Islands and its territorial sea, that commenced on 4 November 2000 and ended 15 March 2002, to be a *prescribed operation* for the purposes of the Regulations; and
- (c) **determine**, under subregulation 4(2) of the Regulations, that the conditions for award of the Australian Service Medal with Clasp 'SOLOMON IS' ("the Medal") for the *prescribed operation* are:
  - (i) the Medal may be awarded to a member of the Australian Defence Force who rendered service as such a member while posted to or serving as a member of the Australian element of the *prescribed operation* for a period of 30 days, or for periods amounting in the aggregate to 30 days;
  - (ii) the Medal may be awarded to a member of the Australian Defence Force who rendered service as such a member for a period of 30 days, or for periods amounting in the aggregate to 30 days, as part of the contribution of a foreign Defence Force to the *prescribed operation* while on secondment or exchange with the foreign Defence Force;
  - (iii) the Medal may be awarded to a member of the Australian Defence Force who rendered service as such a member who completed 30 operational sorties within the duration of the *prescribed operation*, where those sorties were conducted over a period of not less than an aggregate of 30 days at a rate of one sortie per day;

- (iv) the Medal may be awarded to a member of the Australian Defence Force who rendered service as such a member for a period of 30 days, or for periods amounting in the aggregate to 30 days, for official visits, inspections or other occurrences of a temporary nature with the military contribution in the *prescribed operation*;
- (v) the Medal may be awarded to a person who rendered service as part of the Australian element of the *prescribed operation* for a period of 30 days or more, or for periods amounting in the aggregate to 30 days or more, and who, in accordance with a determination made by the Minister under paragraph 4(4)(b) of the Regulations, is in a class of persons who may be awarded the Medal; or
- (vi) the qualifying period of service as described in subparagraphs (c)(i), (c)(ii) c(iii) or c(iv) of this Instrument may be deemed by the Chief of the Defence Force or delegate to have been established notwithstanding that the member has not met the qualifying periods described if service in relation to the *prescribed operation* was terminated due to the death, evacuation due to illness or injury or other disability due to service.

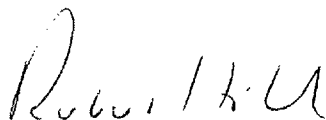
Dated

21 January 2004



Governor-General

By His Excellency's Command



ROBERT HILL  
Minister for Defence